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Applicant:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, please replace the following paragraphs with the identified rewritten paragraphs of the application. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Page 6, please replace the sixth full paragraph with the following:

Preferably, the variant has the general formula:

KDZPZŸCZLBBZBGXCZXXXBXFÃYXBZZZZCBZFBYGGCXBNANNFXTXEE CESTCAA (SEQ ID NO: 45) (I), wherein: -

X is any amino acid;

Ϋ́ is a hydrophobic amino acid;

à is an aromatic amino acid;

Z is K, R, H, D, E, Q or N; and

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